

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

December 2009

GENERAL NOTES:

- **Thanks -- to Mrs. Schwartz** for letting her kitchen be splattered with pumpkin pie filling and – to the Scouts who helped make **over 42 pies for the Medfield Food Cupboard.**
- **Thank you to all the adult leaders** who helped out on the Junior Leadership Training Weekend and made it a great success. The scouts appreciate your efforts.
- **Merit Badge University** - Old Colony Council is planning a Merit Badge University for three Saturdays in March 2010. **The dates are Saturday March 6th, 13th and 27th. Classes will be held at Patriot Place next to Gillette Stadium.** More details on merit badge offerings and sign up process will be provided in January 2010.
- **Important Changes to Future Trips** - There are several changes to dates and locations of Troop trips over the next six months reflected in the updated attached calendar. Please note the following:
 - (A) The **March Sportsman's Club trip is now scheduled for March 13th and 14th.**
 - (B) The May trip to West Point is now changed to a **canoe trip on the Charles River with an overnight at Rocky Narrows in Sherborn - scheduled now for May 15th and 16th.**
 - (C) Lastly, our June trip is tentatively planned (pending confirmation of the camp site) as a **bike trip, staying at BSA Camp Richard on the island of Nantucket.**

ACTIVITY NIGHT (December 17, 7-8:30 p.m.)

Coordinator: Mr. John Dalton, Activity Coordinator

An activity night is tentatively planned at the Westwood Municipal Pool (located at the east end of Westwood High School on Nahatan Street). A separate email message with details was sent last evening. **Please arrive at 7 pm to get organized –the swim will start at 7:15 pm. Please remember to bring \$5 and a towel.**

CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE (January 2 & 9)

Coordinator: Mr. Dave Thole, 359-6867; Assistant Mr. Rich Sauro

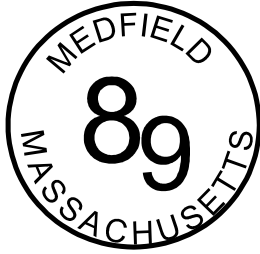
The **Christmas Tree Drive** is upon us again. This is our one BIG fundraiser that supports the troop for the whole year! We need drivers with **Class 2 hitches and/or trucks** to help on these days. Every parent who has a pick-up truck or hitch helps the Troop make a bigger profit, instead of our paying U-Haul. (FYI – U-Haul will not let you tow a trailer behind a Ford Explorer.) Please call Mr. Sauro if you can help by driving one of those days.

Parents we need your assistance to help make phone calls to confirm and schedule tree pickups. As long as you have access to a phone we could use your help. Call lists of prior year families requesting pickups are provided and calls are generally made the last week of December. Please call Mr. Thole if you can help with the phone calls.

If you want to help, but don't have a truck/hitch, or can't make phone calls there are opportunities to help with publicity, or accompanying a driver – Mr. Thole will be happy to find a job for you.

Scouts – you are expected to help on one or both weekends. If you have not signed up or are not sure if Mr. Sauro knows that you're helping, please let Mr Sauro know as soon as possible.

Thanks!



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SEVEN RIVERS DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY (January 29-30, 2010)

Walpole MA

Cost: -\$20, cash only please

Payment deadline: January 7, 2010__

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, *Trip Coordinator*

For our January 2010 trip, Troop 89 will participate in the Klondike Derby, a weekend of winter and snow themed fun and games at the Walpole Sportsman's Club. This is a BSA district-wide event, bringing together troops from the Seven Rivers district of Old Colony Council. This will be a fun chance to meet Scouts from other troops, and defend Troop 89's tradition of competitive excellence in these kinds of multi-event challenges (like Apache Relay at summer camp). We arrive and camp out on Friday night, then participate in the games on Saturday and return to Medfield in the late afternoon. **Sign-up is early January 7, 2010 !!**

2010 HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP – PHILMONT (July 8 – 22, 2010)

Cimarron, New Mexico

Deposits through Dec: \$1,125

Future Payment deadlines: See Below

Coordinator: Mr. Phil Carpino, Assistant Scoutmaster,

A schedule of remaining payments is as follows:

February 1st - \$475 *May 1st* - \$143

PRINT TONER RECYCLING PROGRAM – GREEN PROGRAM TO RAISE FUNDS FOR TROOP 89

Coordinator: Mr. Gus Murby, Committee Member

The Troop 89 print toner recycling program continues. Details of this program were included in October 2009 Newsletter. It's a pretty painless way for the troop to make money, but it probably won't last forever, so we want to act now while the program is in place.

This is a great opportunity for the troop to strengthen its finances! Please see Gus Murby for further details, or to get answers to any questions you have about this very worthwhile program. **HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND HELP OUR TROOP AT THE SAME TIME!**

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